

**COMMUNITY AND IN-HOME OPTIONS TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE FOR  
THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED (CHOICE)**

**January 15, 2015**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room**

**402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN**

**CHOICE Board Members in Attendance:** Dorian Maples, Prudence Twigg, Noble Stallons, Lynn Clough

**Legislators in Attendance:** Rep. Ed Clere, Sen. Jean Breaux

**Visitors in Attendance:** Orion Bell, Liz Carroll, Rick Maples

**Staff in Attendance:** Yonda Snyder, Karen Gilliland, Debbie Pierson, Lynn Clough

**Call to Order:** Dorian Maples called meeting to order and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. Dorian called for a motion to approve the minutes. The question was raised if there was a quorum to approve the minutes. Division of Aging (DA) Deputy Director Karen Gilliland said the CHOICE Board statute doesn't list the number necessary for a quorum; she will ask legal about that. Karen said most of what they are going to do today is making various reports. They could adopt or approve the minutes pending a larger number of participants at the next meeting, and she would have clarification by then.

Dorian asked about an updated CHOICE Board list. Karen said the list they have is from the Governor's Office where they make the appointments and this is the most recent list. All terms expired on June 20, 2014, except for Sen. Breaux, Sen. Leising, Rep. Clere, and Rep. Shackleford. According to statute, all terms continue until a replacement is selected. Karen said members with expired terms must specify if they want to continue serving on the Board. The DA needs to know how many nomination forms they need to distribute to participants interested in serving on the Board.

**Old Business:** Karen said the CHOICE Annual Report for 2014 was approved, with the addition of the I-4A addendum. The CHOICE statistics were e-mailed to everyone. Dorian asked if they were going to do a year-end report. Karen said they could do a year-end report so they could see the comparisons.

**Division of Aging Update:** Debbie Pierson reported on the pilot 1391; it went live January 1<sup>st</sup>. A quick report was created Wednesday to give CHOICE Board members an idea of the kind of data that are being generated. Seventy-three (73) needs assessments and 43 caregiver assessments have been completed by the pilot agencies. They've had only two action plans and documented nine in-person OPTIONS counseling sessions, and 152 OPTIONS counseling by phone. Debbie asked the Board to think

about what kind of data they would like to see in a report, and whether they want it presented monthly or quarterly.

Consumers are no longer required to apply for Medicaid before they will be considered an applicant for the CHOICE program, because case managers are already monitoring the client's eligibility status and putting them on the waiver whenever possible. They are no longer requiring that for the pilot, and have since removed it from all the requirements.

Karen updated the Board on information submitted regarding HB 1391, which required the nursing facility report to be submitted prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. Karen said Yonda would speak to that report.

Yonda said the HEA 1391 report was sent to all the Board members to read and she would answer any of their questions or comments about the report. The bill required the Division to do two reports: one that was due prior to December 1<sup>st</sup> on nursing facility capacity. The second report is due Oct. 1, 2015 on long-term care services and supports in the state of Indiana, and they will begin the process for that. Public hearings have been set up in the conference center for Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. These will be listening sessions; they aren't providing anything written yet because they want to hear from constituents, providers, and the community about long-term care in Indiana.

Karen talked about the No Wrong Door grant the Division of Aging was awarded. They are starting to implement the first short phase, which involves detailing stakeholders for the No Wrong Door. They have partners at the state level taking the lead, along with the CHOICE Board and the Commission on Aging, to be a part of the planning process. Several special interest groups have also requested to be a part of this planning process. Karen said the other task the DA must do by the end of the month is its Mission and Vision Statement, "The Right Care at the Right Place at the Right Time:" getting people where they need to be when they need to be there.

Orion Bell wanted to share a couple of pieces of legislation that are not sponsored by I-4A in particular, but are of interest. One is HB 1010, a bill to provide some financial support for the 2-1-1 network. It was just introduced and has bipartisan support. The other is a bill AARP is presenting called the "Care Act." The Care Act would provide some direction on the kind of information and support that should be provided to family caregivers as part of the discharge from the hospital process. This is seen as revenue-neutral because it doesn't require any state funding or tax implementation.

Karen Gilliland will check IC 12-10 on Board membership designation and quorum issues. She will also send an e-mail to the Board members to verify those who have expired terms and if they wish to continue, and start the process for vacant positions and provide a report at the March meeting. She will expand the monthly utilization report on CHOICE clients and probably do separate reports, one on CHOICE numbers for the CLP pilot project, and one for the other CHOICE numbers that will include monthly, plus year-to-date data.

With no further business, Dorian Maples adjourned the meeting.